

**Name of building / venue / facility**

Ruchill Golf Pavillion

**Name of your organisation**

Joint bid with North United Communities and Ruchill Credit Union

**Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation**

Charity *(please provide Charity No if applicable)*

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Company Ltd by Guarantee

Community Club/ Sports Club

Other *(please specify)*

**Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents?**

*(please provide a copy)*

YES  NO

**Tell us about your proposal for the building/ venue/ facility and how you see this operating. Provide some detail as to why your organisation is well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal.**

North United Communities' main aim is to provide a range of youth and family services that improves the life chances of young people and families from the communities of Ruchill, Milton and Wyndford/Maryhill in North West Glasgow. Issues within these communities include poverty, isolation, worklessness, low educational attainment, risk-taking behaviours, family stress and limited aspirations and horizons. North United Communities provides multi-layered youth work, family support services (including child protection work), school holiday activity/food programmes, support with community events etc.

The aim of the Credit Union is to support local residents to take more responsibility for their money by encouraging them to save what they can and only borrow what they can afford to repay. We provide small loans and savings accounts where everyone can pull together to help each other financially; this plays a major role in keeping the community out of poverty and depression. The Credit Union provides 3 main types of financial products; low cost loans, adult saving accounts and junior savings accounts.

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North United Communities will provide youth services for young people aged 5 to 18 years. We will also provide school holiday/activity programmes for 9 weeks per year. In addition we will provide family support services.

Ruchill Credit Union will provide financial help and support.

By both organisations working together, we propose to develop the following services:

- Attract other groups and organisations to take lets in the building to generate income.
- Provide a community space for social events and activities.

We will set up a Facility Management Committee to help run the building and identify gaps in services within the local community. Through this process we will be able to identify volunteers who will provide daily support to operate the day to day running of the venue.

This will enable us to:

- Develop policies and practice in line with health and safety requirements.
- Put in place reporting procedures to enable the smooth running of the building.
- Set up monthly management meetings to discuss financial issues, staffing, repairs, up-coming events etc.

Once this application has been processed, we would expect that Glasgow City Council's Asset Management Team will support us with the following:

- Fire Marshall Training.
- Financial management attached to running the building.
- Daily/weekly health and safety checks.
- Any other requirements the council needs us to meet.

North United Communities works with a range of local and city-wide partners; Thriving Places initiatives partners, statutory services including social work, health and education, local groups and organisations etc. Joint work includes events, school holiday activities, child protection, youth work opportunities, family inputs etc. North United Communities are continually being asked about the re-opening of community facilities on a regular basis. This can be evidenced through ongoing conversations with young people, parents/carers, families and local residents. In particular, young people tell us they miss their youth sessions and repeatedly questioned when they will be able to attend these.

The Ruchill Credit Union provides a well-run service which has been part of Ruchill Community for over 30 years. We have developed a strong organisation through providing affordable loans and encouraging members to save as well. Ruchill Credit

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Union is an active participant in the Credit Union League, which provides support and training. We also partnership work with the local community and done so for over 30 years, through delivering this essential and vital service to the community.

**Tell us about the benefits that you expect to generate from this proposal and how these might meet an existing need. Will your proposal benefit the local community, a community of interest or both?**

The building will provide a place where local services can be centrally delivered for the benefit of all members of the community. Currently there are no other community venues open to the public, and therefore this building will provide lifeline services for local residents.

**What are your plans to generate sufficient income/ grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building/ venue/ facility?**

**Tell us about any experience you have in managing a building/ venue/ facility.**

Both organisations have various experiences of managing venues. North United Communities has had previous responsibility for running several buildings over the years. Ruchill Credit Union has delivered its services in Ruchill Community Centre for many years, and has responsibility for managing space, staff and customers.

**Please provide us with any other information that you feel is relevant to your proposal.**

We would like to obtain more information from Glasgow City Council before committing to any arrangement. This will allow us to make the best possible decision for our organisations and the wider community.

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